

GRIPPE CAUSE OF LOW ATTENDANCE

Many Desks Are Vacant in Schools in City Because of Illness Among the Pupils.

TEACHERS ARE AFFECTED ALSO

Six Substitute Instructors in Charge of Class Rooms Because of Epidemic of Disease.

La grippe has made large inroads in the attendance in the public schools of Rock Island. Not only is this true among the children, but some of the teachers as well are affected and substitutes are in charge of class rooms in place of the regular instructors.

Superintendent E. C. Fisher states that five or six teachers have been absent from their duties since school resumed Monday following the annual holiday vacation period. He also declares that while in some buildings nearly the full roster of pupils has reported for study each day, in some of the others the attendance has dropped off to a great degree.

"In nearly every case absence is due to grippe, pneumonia or a severe cold," Mr. Fisher said. "It is not unusual that so large a number of pupils is kept from work by illness except during a time when there is an epidemic of contagious disease. There are few or no cases of contagious disease affecting pupils of the school, as far as I know."

Losing Its Hold.

The grippe is losing its hold on people of Rock Island, however, according to physicians. The dry cold weather is stopping the epidemic which has been sweeping over the city. A week ago physicians estimated that there were between 1,200 and 1,700 cases in this city and the weather of New Year's day promised to increase the number but for the cold spell that followed.

Physicians continue to warn against cold, wet feet and declare that fresh air without exposure will assist in stopping the epidemic.

Following the widespread publicity concerning the grippe, residents of the city have been taking precaution against the disease and druggists report that hundreds have brought in family remedies, while numerous others went to doctors and secured prescriptions as soon as they felt colds coming on.

MEN INDICTED ON STRIKE PLOT CHARGE



Left to right, top: Frank S. Monnett and Robert Fowler; center, Harry B. Martin, Congressman Buchanan and David Lamar; bottom, Franz von Kintelen.

The prominent men indicted a few days ago by a federal grand jury in New York on a charge of conspiring to foment strikes in American munitions factories assert one and all their innocence. The men are: Congressman Buchanan of Illinois; former Congressman Robert Fowler of Illinois; Frank S. Monnett, former attorney general of Ohio; Jacob C. Taylor, president of Labor's National Peace Council; Harry B. Martin, David Lamar and Franz Kintelen.

The Oklahoma state penitentiary has recently instituted a library for prisoners' use which has grown so rapidly it is expected to contain 5,000 volumes by Christmas.

MATHEVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gorman and daughters Grace and Bernice, of East Moline, spent Sunday at the Ben Wild home.

Mrs. Jake Zimmers and son Robert spent Christmas in Viola.

Floyd Adams has started work at the Coal Valley mine.

Mrs. William Purris and Mrs. George Colman were Aledo passengers Thursday.

Grover Davis spent the week end at his home in Shelbrock, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Rosenberg and son and Mrs. Rosenberg's mother, Mrs. Anna Langston of Cable, visited here Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Harris were week end visitors at the home of the former's parents in Boden.

Mr. Williams of Davenport spent Christmas at the Caton home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McAfee have gone to housekeeping in rooms in the Maynard house.

Thomas Davidson of Sherrard visited here Monday.

Lenord Bengston of Rock Island spent several days the past week at his home here.

Miss Della Sackfield was a recent visitor with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Johnson and daughter of Moline, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sturges and daughter of Viola and Leon Tomlinson of Cable spent Sunday at the Henry Johnson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Bolander of Rock Island spent Christmas with Arvi Jafvert and family.

Miss Lila Mae Nelson of Moline spent Sunday here.

Miss Rene McWilliams of Coal Valley visited here the latter part of the week.

Miss Edith Lindquist, teacher in the public school gave an entertainment in Bodena hall Thursday evening.

Five o'clock mass was held at the Catholic church Christmas morning.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sherrard were week end visitors here.

Mr. Monihan of Holosboro, was a visitor at the Purvis home Friday and Saturday.

Peter Connor visited over Sunday at his home in Coal Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McAfee have gone to housekeeping in rooms in the Maynard house.

Tom Davison of Rock Island was a visitor here Monday.

Mrs. James Hughes of Sherrard and Mrs. Will Grant and baby of Omaha, Neb., who are visiting at the Hughes' home spent the first of the week here.

John Little has gone to northwest Iowa for an extended visit with relatives.

Joe Starcevitich, who purchased a third interest in the Croation meat market several months ago, has sold same and returned to Albia, Iowa.

Jack Taylor was a Rock Island passenger Monday.

Miss Gertrude Carlson has been sick.

Robert Ranson and Ruddy Muller of Sherrard visited here Thursday.

Neil McGonigle was a Rock Island shopper Thursday.

There was a party on George Bedford at his home New Year's eve.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson and daughter of Rock Island were week end visitors here.

H. L. Pearce has returned home from a visit with relatives in Iowa.

There is much sickness in Matheville at the present time. Most of it being the grippe.

Edgar France left on Thursday for Oklahoma, where he expects to work.

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William Strathan was a Rock Island passenger Friday.

"The Scandal," a feature play which was shown at the opera house Saturday evening was attended by a packed house.

Thomas Jackson is ill.

Mrs. Art Bolander of Rock Island was a visitor here Sunday.

Joe Trego of Sherrard spent Saturday here. He went from here to North Henderson where he is teaching school.

Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson of Viola spent Saturday here.

Hayden Prichard will go to Indianapolis in a short time as a delegate to the miners' convention. He was chosen by the Coal Valley local.

Charles Johnson of Sherrard visited here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Mulligan and two daughters were Aledo visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones and son Earl, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Crone and daughter Geneva, spent New Year's day in Gilchrist.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Cook of Rock Island were Sunday visitors at the Joe Clark home.

Hayden Prichard, Chester Olson and

the Misses Doris Tomlinson and Hilda Hebbeln attended a dance in New Windsor Wednesday evening.

The Red Men held a special meeting at their lodge room Wednesday evening. The adoption degree was given to one candidate. The lodge had as their guests John A. Sweet, great sachem of Marshall, Ill., and O. L. Whitmer, great chief of Records, Springfield, Ill., both officers made speeches. Lunch was served after the degree work.

Three hundred pounds of trout confiscated by the game wardens of the state of Washington were included in Christmas baskets distributed at Seattle to needy invalids.

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